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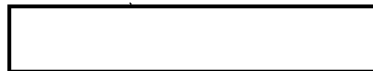
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April 9, 1963

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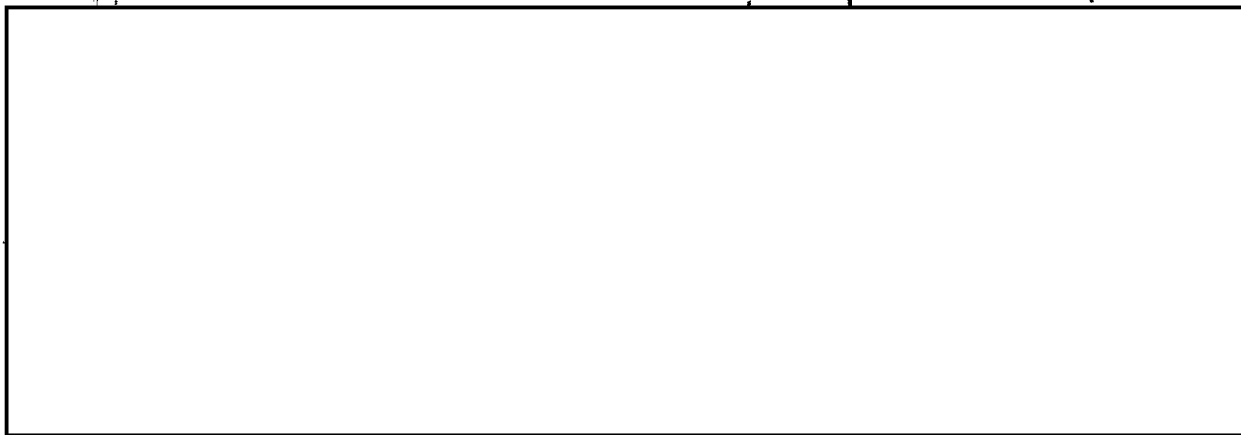
Mr. Courtney Evans

From:



Would you please conduct name checks on the following individuals:

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• JOHNSON, Phillip
Popus Street
New Canaan, Connecticut

Date of Birth: July 8, 1906
Cleveland, Ohio

• Full field also on this one

File 96

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *EW*

DATE: 4-11-63

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*SUBJECT: PHILIP CORTELYOU JOHNSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSEBACKGROUND

On 4-10-63, we received a request from the White House for a name check and then a full field investigation of captioned individual, who is an architect in New York City. He is 56 years old and unmarried.

MAIN FILE CHECK

See 2nd The files indicate that we conducted an investigation of Johnson from 1941 to 1943. He is the son of a prominent Cleveland attorney, deceased, and had a private income from an estate valued at about \$500,000. During the 1930s, prior to World War II, he was very active in sponsoring, associating with and actively promoting pro-Nazi and pro-Fascist programs, publications and activities. He was associated with such pro-Nazi and pro-Facist persons as Father Coughlin, Lawrence Dennis, Gerald L. K. Smith, Joseph E. MacWilliams and George Sylvester Viereck. He was also associated with two convicted German Agents, Mrs. Viola Bodenschadtz and Frederick E. Auhagen. (100-32734) *5*

Around 1934, Johnson organized a "Gray Shirt" organization, a very anti-Semitic outfit. He was a follower of Huey Long and it was said that Johnson wanted to be the "Hitler" of this country and, in 1934, believed Huey Long was going to gain control of the United States and he, Johnson, depose Long.

Johnson was publicly named as a Fascist and Nazi apologist and sympathizer in such publications as the "Cleveland Press," "Harpers Magazine" and Fortune Magazine. *EX-102 ACT-10 161-2482-2*

In the book, "Berlin Diary" by William L. Shirer, he relates that on 9-18-39, a trip was made from Berlin to the Polish Corridor and the party stopped for the night near Danzig. Shirer said Nazi Propaganda Ministry officials insisted that he share a double room with Johnson, "an American Fascist who says he represents Father Coughlin's 'Social Justice.'" Shirer said, "none of us could stand the fellow and suspect he is spying on us for the Nazis." Shirer was interviewed in 1941 and reiterated the comments in his book about Johnson and

1 - Mr. Bartlett

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Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____✓
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Evans	_____✓
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____✓
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

D. J. Brennan
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Memorandum to Mr. Evans
RE: PHILIP CORTELYOU JOHNSON

stated that Johnson was feted by the German authorities in charge of the press correspondents and they were quite solicitous about his welfare.

Johnson traveled extensively in Germany during the 1930s and was well received by Nazi officials. He went to Germany in the Summer of 1938, specifically to attend the Nazi Party Congress held in Nuremberg. He also attended a Nazi training school while in Germany. In 1939 he was in Germany as a correspondent for Father Coughlin's magazine "Social Justice" and accompanied German troops into Poland.

He was described as a fanatic on the subject of Nazism and Fascism and was described as very anti-Semitic in his feelings. One person described him as "a homosexual type" and it was stated that he was "flighty" and had three nervous breakdowns while attending Harvard University.

In 1940, an Office of Naval Intelligence Agent advised that Johnson was pro-Nazi and had been in Germany at the time of the Polish invasion by Germany. He said that Johnson was allegedly a pervert. A person who had known Johnson for 9 years advised, in 1941, he had the reputation of being a sexual pervert.

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In 1942, we interviewed Johnson about Dennis, as we had a Registration Act case on him. (Dennis was one of the defendants in the Sedition trials in Washington, D. C., which resulted in a mistrial upon the death of the trial judge on 7-12-44.) During that interview, Johnson attempted to explain away his pro-Nazi activities and claimed that he had severed all relationships with questionable persons and indicated that he had changed his feelings toward Nazism.

It was further stated that Johnson's family were respectable persons and were quite annoyed by his "peculiarities." Johnson was inducted into the United States Army 3-12-43.

ACTION:

It is believed that, under the circumstances, the above information concerning Johnson should be discussed with [redacted] at the White House by Liaison and it be determined if he still desires an investigation of Johnson.

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Yes. ✓
Memo from Mr. Brennan to
Mr. Sullivan, 4/17/63
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ANS. BY: *Tufw/ab*

April 11, 1963

PHILIP CORTELYOU JOHNSON

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Philip Cortelyou Johnson

Nazi Party Congress held in Nuremberg. He also attended a Nazi training school while in Germany. In 1939 he was in Germany as a correspondent for Father Coughlin's magazine, "Social Justice" and accompanied German troops into Poland.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 15, 1963

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: PHILLIP CORTELYOU JOHNSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

DJ Brennan
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My 4-12-63 memorandum to you in the above-captioned matter, which is on the Director's tickler list, advised that Liaison would contact [redacted] at the White House on Monday, 4-15-63. The purpose of this contact is to advise [redacted] concerning the derogatory information contained in Bureau files on the subject. On 4-10-63 [redacted] requested the Bureau to conduct a background investigation of the subject.

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On 4-15-63 Liaison Agent Bartlett determined from [redacted] office that he will not be at the White House until the President returns to Washington from Florida on either Wednesday night, 4-17-63, or Thursday morning, 4-18-63. Liaison will contact [redacted] immediately upon his return to the White House.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Young
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 12, 1963

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT: PHILIP CORTELYOU JOHNSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

The April 11, 1963, memorandum from W. V. Cleveland to Mr. Evans, in the above captioned matter, which is on the Director's tickler list, requested Liaison to contact [redacted] at the White House and advise him concerning the background of Johnson.

[redacted] requested the Bureau on April 10, 1963, to conduct a background investigation of Johnson; however, due to the voluminous derogatory data already in our files, the Director approved contacting [redacted] to determine if he still desires that the investigation be conducted.

On April 12, 1963, Liaison Agent Bartlett determined that [redacted] is away for the weekend and will return on Monday, April 15, 1963. Liaison will contact him at that time and you will be advised of his decision.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Young
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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- ☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject

Johnson, Philip

Birthdate & Place

7-8-06

Address

New Canaan, Conn.

Localities

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Date

4-8-63

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Initials

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 NI 47-28101 MF
 NI 49-6355 MF
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 Philip.
 IP 62-38979 I
 SI 65-8417-39
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 NY 94-8-350-A Daily Mirror 10-25-46
 SY 100-345681-22 p #35

NUMEROUS REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Johnson, Philip

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Date 4-9-63

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found in "Who's Who."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 17, 1963

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN, JR.

SUBJECT: PHILIP CORTELYOU JOHNSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Cleveland to Mr. Evans dated April 11, 1963, in the above-captioned matter. A name check and investigation were requested by [redacted] of the White House on April 10, 1963.

Considerable derogatory information concerning Johnson appeared in the Bureau files, and Liaison was instructed to contact [redacted] to determine if he desired that the investigation be done.

On late afternoon, April 17, 1963, Liaison Agent saw [redacted] upon his return to the White House, and after learning of the derogatory information, [redacted] said that no further action should be taken and that the White House would give no further consideration to the appointment of Johnson on the Fine Arts Commission.

ACTION:

For information.

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1-Miss Holmes
1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Evans
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Young
1-Liaison
1-Mr. Bartlett

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9 APR 23 1963

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September 7, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check request from [redacted] relative to the White House affair to be held on September 12, 1966.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent derogatory information concerning the following individuals:

[redacted]

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals.

Attached are memoranda concerning the following individuals:

[redacted]

Philip Johnson

[redacted]

[redacted]

Delivered to [redacted]
on 9-8-66
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A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

ENCLOSURE

NOT RECORDED

Sincerely, [redacted] SEP 12 1966

SEP 9 1966

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)

1 - Mr. Gale

1 - Mr. Rosen

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Cortolyn

Subject *Johnson Philip*

Birthdate & Place *7-8-06 Cleveland, Ohio*

Address *(Who's Who)*

Localities

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	<i>Philip C.</i>
I	100-32734-40
/	47-28101
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N1	65-16551
	<i>Philip</i>
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July 21, 1971

BY LIAISON

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CC TO: *WJ*
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ANS BY: *OTP*
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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request
concerning [redacted] and Philip C. Johnson.

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Attached are separate memoranda concerning
these individuals. *ch*

This letter of transmittal may be declassified
when the enclosure bearing a classification is removed.

Sincerely yours,
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- 1 - Mr. Mohr - Enclosures (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (sent direct)

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July 21, 1971

PHILIP C. JOHNSON

Captioned individual, who you advised was born on June 8, 1906, in Cleveland, Ohio, and presently resides at 112 East 55th Street, New York, New York, may be identical with Philip Cortelyan Johnson also known as Philip Cortelyou Johnson who was the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by the FBI from 1941 to 1943.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated September 4, 1964, summarizing data on Johnson which is maintained in FBI files. (161-2482)

In October, 1959, [redacted], New Canaan, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that Phillip C. Johnson, Ponus Ridge Road, New Canaan, Connecticut, born in 1906, was arrested on April 9, 1954, for violation of rules of the road and on April 19, 1954, for speeding. No disposition is known for the first violation, but in the second instance he was fined \$14 and the complaint was withdrawn. (100-32734-42)

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosure

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

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Subject JOHNSON, PHILIP C.
 Birthdate & Place _____
 Address 375 Park Ave

Localities

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 PHILIP CORTELYAN (Bu.)
 100-32734-23 Sum. 4.27.42
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 161-2482
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PHILIP CORTELYAN

JOHNSON

November 18, 1974

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MR. AND MRS. PHILIP C. JOHNSON

NAME CHECK

Mrs. Johnson has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI; however, Mr. Johnson, who you advised can be contacted at 375 Park Avenue, New York, New York, may be identical with Philip Cortelyan Johnson, also known as Philip Cortelyou Johnson, who was the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by the FBI from 1941 until 1943. In addition, a name check was made by the White House during July, 1971. Attached is a copy of a summary memorandum dated September 4, 1964, together with a copy of a memorandum dated July 21, 1971. (161-2482)

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures (2)

MRS PHILIP C. JOHNSON

375 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY

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Subject Johnson Philip C
 Birthdate & Place 6/18/06 Ohio
 Address 112 East 55 St
New York, N.Y.
 Localities _____
 R# 105 Date 7/16 Searcher Initials 123
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 4, 1964

PHILIP CORTELYOU JOHNSON

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Philip Cortelyou Johnson

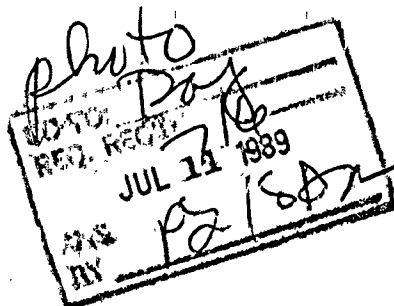
advised, in 1941, he had the reputation of being a sexual pervert and maintained a homosexual relationship with one Alan Blackburn, who assisted Johnson in forming the "Gray Shirts."

Johnson traveled extensively in Germany during the 1930's and was well received by Nazi officials. He went to Germany in the Summer of 1938 specifically to attend the Nazi Party Congress held in Nuremberg. He also attended a Nazi training school while in Germany. In 1939 he was in Germany as a correspondent for Father Coughlin's magazine, "Social Justice," and accompanied German troops into Poland.

In his book, "Berlin Diary," William L. Shirer relates that on 9-18-39 a trip was made, by a group of correspondents, from Berlin to the Polish Corridor, and the party stopped for the night near Danzig. Shirer said Nazi Propaganda Ministry officials insisted that he share a double room with Johnson, "an American Fascist who says he represents Father Coughlin's 'Social Justice.'" Shirer said, "none of us could stand the fellow and suspect he is spying on us for the Nazis." Shirer was interviewed in 1941 and reiterated his comments in his book about Johnson and stated that Johnson was feted by the German authorities in charge of the press correspondents and they were quite solicitous about his welfare.

In 1942, Johnson was interviewed about Lawrence Dennis, as Dennis was the subject of a Foreign Agents Registration Act case. (Dennis was one of the defendants in the Sedition trials held in Washington, D. C., which resulted in a mistrial upon the death of the trial judge on 7-12-44.) During that interview, Johnson attempted to explain away his pro-Nazi activities and claimed that he had severed all relationships with questionable persons and indicated that he had changed his feelings toward Nazism.

It was further stated that Johnson's family were respectable persons and were quite annoyed by his "peculiarities." Johnson was inducted into the United States Army on 3-12-43.



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PHILIP JOHNSON

Philip Johnson undoubtedly is identical with Philip Cortelyan Johnson on whom the White House requested a full field investigation on April 10, 1963.

In reference to this request, a memorandum summarizing data on Johnson in FBI files was prepared under date of April 11, 1963, and furnished to the White House. After reviewing this memorandum, a copy of which is attached, the White House advised that no further action should be taken on its request for an investigation of Mr. Johnson and that no further consideration would be given to the appointment of this individual on the Fine Arts Commission. (161-2482-3 and 6)

In October, 1959, [redacted], New Canaan Police Department, New Canaan, Connecticut, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that Philip C. Johnson, residing on Ponus Ridge Road, New Canaan, born in 1906, was arrested on April 9, 1954, for violation of rules of the road, no disposition shown; and on April 19, 1954, for speeding, fined \$14, but complaint was withdrawn. No other information was available concerning Johnson. (100-32734-42)

FBI files contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosure

NOTE: Per request of [redacted]

White House Staff.

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